



February 27, 2007

**H.Res. 42 - Recognizing Ann Richards' extraordinary contributions to Texas and American public life**

**Floor Situation**

H.Res. 42 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Solomon Ortiz (D-TX) on January 9, 2007, and has not been considered by any committee in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress.

H.Res. 42 is expected to be considered on the floor on February 27, 2007.

**Summary**

H.Res. 42 resolves that the House of Representatives recognizes and commends Ann Richards' extraordinary contributions to Texas and American public life.

**Background**

Ann Richards was born on September 1, 1933, in Lakeview, Florida. She was elected Treasurer of the State of Texas in 1982 and again in 1986. She gave the keynote address at the 1988 Democratic National Convention.

In 1990, Ann Richards became Governor of Texas by winning a very close election. She served one term and then was defeated for reelection.

Governor Richards died from the esophageal cancer on September 13, 2006, in Austin, Texas.

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